

November 7, 1975

Sir:

You asked that the cable at Tab A be redone so it would not become an obstacle to recognition of a UNITA/FNLA government.

Paragraph 7 has now been redrafted to

- emphasize our belief that any claim to rule Angola must be based upon control of the bulk of the population and territory;
- stress that by this standard the MPLA's claim is inadmissible;
- note that by the same token the FNLA/UNITA claim should be considered.

Approve _____

As Amended _____

Disapprove _____

Jerry

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DOS Review Completed.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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in UN/UNITA (FCN)
recognition*

November 6, 1975

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Secretary

From: AF - Edward W. Mulcahy, Acting *EM*

Subject: Angolan Recognition

Tab A is a cable to all posts asking them to raise the question of their host government's intentions concerning recognition of MPLA. We believe this cable should go out immediately in order for it to be acted upon before independence, next Tuesday.

Approved
no

Tab B is an action memorandum stating the options on recognition. Our cable and the memorandum leave open the question of our possible recognition of FNLA/UNITA. These two have just announced in Kampala that they will establish their own regime if MPLA declares UDI, which is something we expect will happen. Even so, we believe it is premature for us to also adopt a position on recognition of an FNLA/UNITA regime until they themselves make a formal announcement and we learn what stand Mobutu will take. We have sent messages to Mobutu and Kaunda asking for their views.

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